



Cpl. Jeff M. Nagan

Hundred page gifts fill shelves

DJIBOUTI CITY, Djibouti - Marie-Lou Nazaire, an English teacher at a local orphanage, looks over some books that Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa donated Tuesday. That same day, servicemembers also donated books at a library in downtown Djibouti City. The book donations were coordinated by Becky A. Chumbler, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Michael E. Chumbler, Djibouti country desk noncommissioned officer in charge for Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.



Sgt. Jerad W. Alexander

An Ethiopian woman adjusts a row of flags in preparation for a primary school dedication July 24.

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for people and their herds.

Since livestock is such an important asset to the people, military veterinarians provide regular care to various communities within the region. In addition, military doctors and medics provide care to the people.

The small things usually will have a large affect on the area, Shick said. Nearly everything CJTF-HOA has provided for the entire Horn of Africa has had a significant impact, but the best way to understand is to see the

people's reaction.

"Seeing everything completed and what it will do for the community is awesome," Shick said. "The people are ecstatic about what we have done for them."

Currently, CJTF-HOA has seven projects they are still working on in Ethiopia, but over the course of the next year, the command is hoping to add 22 more projects, Shick said.

"There is a great need for everything we're doing everywhere," Shick said. "We are really getting out there and into areas of greater interest and doing what needs to be done."

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they got into a straight line to begin the task of searching for any type of ordnance.

During the exercise the team found six items of different types of unexploded ordnance and a partially exposed cache of explosives.

When an item was discovered the team took measurements and recorded any markings present to help identify the ordnance, so the team can dispose or destroy the item properly.

When the team found the partially buried cache they had to carefully remove the dirt from around the explosives. When some of the dirt was removed and a section of the bag was cut away the team discovered a trip wire. A member of the team patiently disarmed the cache for the protection of the team.

When all the ordnance was found the team leader constructed a demolition plan, which ended the exercise.

"The men performed exceptionally well under the time constraints I placed on them," said Trout. "In addition, I fed them very little intelligence to hone their responsiveness to the situation. Again they did superbly. I expected nothing less."



Sgt. Wayne Campbell

Members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit 18 take photos and examine a piece of ordnance found during a training evolution Tuesday. The team uses the photos to help identify the ordnance to better dispose of the device.